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MDOT Marks Road's End

Barriers, signs follows latest fatality at Lamoine Beach

(Lamoine) - On a clear early morning Labor Day weekend, a Florida woman left her son's wedding reception to return to her hotel room in Hancock. Instead of turning left at the intersection of Shore Road and Douglas Highway, 48-year old Joanne Boardman turned her rental car right onto Lamoine Beach Road. Police don't

believe she was aware that the road ends at Lamoine Beach about 4-miles later, with no barrier other than the sand. Her vehicle traveled silently into the water, neighbors spotted the roof when the tide started to recede and called 9-1-1, but it was too late. The investigation by State Police continues.

Meanwhile, Trooper Greg Roy, who resides about 2-miles from the scene, asked the Maine Department of Transportation whether there is a way to better mark, and possibly impede cars



before they hit the water. In late September, the DOT installed new signs marking the end of Route 184 and Jersey barriers with large reflective markings at the end of the pavement, clearly indicating where the road stops. Space was left for folks who want to launch boats. Previously only two reflective signs marked the end of the pavement. On dark, foggy nights, they were difficult to see.

Over the last several years, police have investigated numerous vehicle incidents at Lamoine Beach where the drivers have ended up in the water.

Town Hall Projects Spruce Things Up

(Lamoine) - Numerous projects at Lamoine's Town Hall have been completed this summer which improve both structural safety and the aesthetics of the lot. Thanks to lower than expected paving costs, some money was available in the 2010/11 budget to re-pave the town hall parking lot which took a beating last winter. Ring's Paving was hired to put down a new layer of pavement after a portion of the lot was excavated and a new gravel base was placed and compacted.

The trim around the nine windows was painted by college students who submitted the low painting bid. The outdoor bulletin board which had fallen

into disrepair due to ice falling on it from the roof was rebuilt and moved by former Selectman Kermit Theall. Finally, the portico which overhangs the porch was repaired by Skowhegan carpenter Thomas Harville who submitted the low bid. The roof on the structure was replaced as were several rotted boards.



Kermit Theall & Doug Jones prepare to move the bulletin board

Special Town Meeting Tackles Transfer Station Policy

(Lamoine) - There were plenty of questions at a special town meeting held September 15th, but in the end, a major change to the town's commercial trash hauler policy passed handily. The new policy will require that all commercial haulers make application to the Board of Selectmen. The policy will also allow commercial haulers to bring in out of town trash, provided they register their customers with the town office. The haulers will also be billed for the disposal costs incurred by the town based on the estimated tonnage multiplied by the rate that is charged by the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company.

Voters questioned how it would be policed. Selectmen replied that it's partially on the honor system, but that the attendant at the transfer station would pick up pretty quickly if an inordinate number of loads came in from the two commercial haulers currently utilizing the transfer station.

The policy also allows the Board of Selectmen to make changes, provided a public hearing is held. And, it would reinstate one hauler's privileges lost after he was caught bringing in trash from neighboring communities in violation of the former policy. An application form is being developed and should be in place later this fall. No significant increase in trash is expected.

Election Hours Expand in November

(Lamoine) - The Maine Legislature has passed an apparent unfunded mandate that will affect the time that polls open in Lamoine and a lot of other communities. Under a new law that took effect in late September, towns with a population of over 500 must open polls on Election Day no later than 8:00 AM. The previous opening time was 10:00 AM for towns with populations under 4,000.

The new law did not come with any state funding to pay ballot clerks, wardens, and the town clerk for any additional hours worked, and will potentially add about

\$100-dollars to the cost of conducting an election.

Election Day on November 4, 2011 will see balloting done, as usual, at the Lamoine Town Hall. Four statewide questions are on the ballot. Two deal with casino gambling, one would reinstate same-day voter registration if passed, and the final would amend the state constitution in regard to when new legislative districts must be drawn following a census.

Polls will be open from 8AM until the mandated closing at 8PM.

Commercial Boat Shop Approved in North Lamoine

(Lamoine) - When Stewart Workman purchased a run down home on the corner of Douglas Highway and MacQuinn Road back in 1994, it had a small shop where he could work on boats. He later demolished the home and built a beautiful new house. Over time, that boat construction operation has flourished and grown to the point that he purchased a large tract of land across the road to store boat molds.

Lamoine’s Planning Board has approved a site plan review and commercial building permit for Workman to build a much larger facility on that land. Approval did not come without some opposition, however.

The folks who own a home and apartment between the site of the new

facility and Douglas Highway testified at the public hearing against the proposed boat operation. James and Susan Sanchez said they feared that fumes from fiberglass operations at the plant would affect their family’s health. Other neighbors testified in favor of Workman’s operation, noting that his present shop has not had any problems, and it’s a rare occasion that there is any whiff of odor from the fiberglassing.

Construction has started on the building which is expected to be complete by winter. The Code Enforcement Officer has received reports of noise from the construction disturbing the neighbors, but no citations have been issued.

Paperwork, Legal Fees Mount in Gravel Pit Appeal

(Lamoine) - A Superior Court Justice will rule whether a Southwest Harbor based contractor can use land that he purchased to expand an existing gravel extraction operation. Doug Gott & Sons appealed the Planning Board’s denial and Appeals Board decision to uphold one aspect of the denial to the courts. It is not known when a decision is likely to be rendered.

Gott’s attorney, Michael Ross, argues that the reason for denying the permit is unconstitutional. Ross says the town’s requirement that a pit have “no adverse impact” on neighboring properties is vague, and that opponents of the expansion offered no solid evidence of an adverse impact.

The Planning Board ruled, and the Appeals Board agreed, that locating a gravel pit adjacent to residential properties clearly has an adverse impact on those properties. Town Attorney Tony Beardsley argues that testimony at the Planning Board hearing from four witnesses was sufficient to show adverse impact. During that testimony, one citizen played back a tape of dump trucks running past her Lamoine Beach Road home during her testimony, saying the noise from the trucks is an adverse impact.

Attorney Ross counters that reviewing that testimony on the DVD recording of the Planning Board hearing “reveals absolutely no....evidence demonstrating a quantifiable adverse impact on any surrounding property.”

Justice Kevin Cuddy is expected to review all the paperwork filed in the case in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, the legal bills are starting to mount up for the town, with nearly \$3,000 expended thus far for the town’s attorney research and defense preparation for the case. The town budgeted only \$2,800 in legal fees for the current fiscal year. Selectmen granted approval for the Planning Board to utilize the town attorney to respond to the case. The Selectmen will continue to monitor the legal expenses in the matter.

Planning Board Active with Permit, Survey

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s Planning Board had a bit of a reprieve during the summer months, but was still quite busy. In addition to the commercial boat shop (see article above), the Planning Board also issued a permit renewal to Michael Keene for his gravel extraction operation off Partridge Cove Road. Mr. Keene’s permit had expired in June, so a public hearing was held for the renewal. No testimony in opposition to the permit was received.

The Planning Board will also be dealing with a subdivision that was approved a couple of years ago in along Raccoon Cove adjacent to the Pasture Way subdivision. A notice was sent to developer Steve Joy informing him that he was nearing the expiration of the time limit to construct the infrastructure (roads, utility poles, fire tank) for that subdivision.

In reply, Mr. Joy informs the board that he no longer intends to proceed with the plan. Because approval of the subdivision is on file with the Hancock County Registry of Deeds, the town will have to prepare a filing notifying future property owners that the subdivision was discontinued. Mr. Joy has also informed the Planning Board that he intends to enroll the property in the Tree Growth property taxation program, potentially lowering the value of the land significantly.

And, the Planning Board is currently compiling responses to a planning priority survey included with the tax bills this year. Chair John Holt reports more than 250 surveys were returned. We should have results for the January 2012 *Lamoine Quarterly*.

Largest Ever Permit for Residence Issued

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford collected \$1,952.60 for building and Shoreland permits for a residence on North Road, the largest ever permit charge for a residence in Lamoine. Permits issued in the past quarter include:

Nbr	Name	Project
27	Workman, Stewart	Commercial Boat Shop
28	Dane, Mark	Denied RV permit
29	Perkins, Jon	Expansion
30	Towne/McDowell	Deck in Shoreland
31	LaChance, Robert	Deck in Shoreland
32	Collins, Thomas	Residence, Garage
33	Ames, Andrea	Residence
34	Strout, Joan	Expansion
35	Dennison, David	Garage in Shoreland
36	Sundt, Gaylord	Enclose Deck
37	Hessert, Anthony	Residence
38	Fennelly, William	Addition, move building
39	Merchant, Robert	Mobile Home
40	Barstow, Christopher	Barn
41	Bowden, Adrien	Garage
42	McDevitt, Marion	Deck



*And the survey says.....
Planning Board members Gordon Donaldson, John Holt and Jim Gallagher prepare surveys on planning issues for inclusion with the 2011 tax bills.*

Second Kayaking Fatality Prompts Concern

Residents commended for rescue

(Lamoine) - The death of a 43-year old New Hampshire man who fell from his kayak on Eastern Bay off Lamoine State Park on July 10th has spurred local and legislative safety measures, thanks in part to one of the people who helped pull him from the water. Diane Sanderson, who was sailing with her husband David and neighbor Gordon Donaldson, spotted the companion of Steven Brooks waving a paddle. They sailed to the scene to find Brooks in the water, unresponsive. They were able to pull him on board along with the companion, but could not resuscitate him. Investigators say Brooks had a life jacket



Many thanks to David Legere who supplied a safety sign which has been installed at Lamoine Beach

in the kayak, but was not wearing it.

The fatality followed another kayaking death on Frenchman Bay in mid-June. A Massachusetts man on his honeymoon set out in a small kayak on a very windy morning. His body was discovered on the shoreline of an island off Bar Harbor.

Mrs. Sanderson spoke with State Representative Richard Malaby who has agreed to sponsor a bill that requires kayakers to not only have life jackets on board their craft, but to actually wear them. Meadow Point Road resident David Legere, who runs a kayak tour company, supplied the town with a safety sign which was posted at Lamoine Beach. Selectmen signed a commendation honoring the Sandersons and Donaldson for their effort.

Hurricane, Garage Fire Keep LVFD Hopping

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Fire Department recorded 18 response calls between July and September. About half of them were attributed to the remnants of Hurricane Irene which blew through the area on August 29th. Though power was out for more than 24-hours to some homes, no serious damaged was reported from that storm.

The largest fire loss in recent years occurred during the quarter when a garage, art studio and apartment on Woodcock Lane caught fire. Owner Peter Meyer told fire officers that he had just finished mowing his lawn and parked the riding mower in the garage when it backfired. Thinking nothing of it, he went inside his home and when he looked out, the garage was ablaze. Firefighters from Lamoine, Ellsworth, Hancock, Trenton, Sorrento and Franklin were able to get the flames out before it spread to the nearby home. The Meyers are insured.



A tree toppled by Tropical Storm Irene in August broke off a utility pole top on Pinkhams Flats

The fire department received three water rescue calls, two of which were unfounded. And a front end loader was reported on fire on Mill Road in late September. The loader was not badly damaged when some brake fluid ignited on a hot wheel.

On September 28th the fire department started the automatic mutual aid departments to town when a report of a possible structure fire came in from Shore Road. It turned out to be food burning in an oven that filled the house with smoke.

LVFD Auction Succeeds Again

(Lamoine) - The annual fire department auction held in August was another roaring success thanks to donor, bidders and lots of help. The fire department raised more than \$5,600 from folks bidding on a wide variety of items. Bidders walked away with some great bargains. Auctioneer Chas Hare led the bidding once again. Among the hotter items were gift certificates to the Lamoine and Trenton Marketplaces, heating fuel and gravel.

LVFD Chowder Supper—Oct 22

(Lamoine) - The annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department Clam Chowder dinner will be served on Saturday, October 22, 2011 starting at 5:00 PM. Firefighters will go door to door on October 16th to sell tickets which are also available at the door. The menu includes chowder (from chefs Albert and David Herrick), rolls, beans, casseroles, dessert and beverage. Firefighters and officers will serve the dinner.

Fire Department Seeks Grant for Rescue Boat

(Lamoine) - At least a half dozen people are alive today thanks in part to rescuers from the Lamoine Fire Department who pulled them from frigid waters off the coast. The department purchased the 12-foot inflatable boat used in these rescues in 1998. Over the years the gear and equipment added to the boat have improved the operations but greatly reduced the space available for transporting people. To that end, the fire department has applied to the Department of Homeland Security for a larger replacement boat.

The Assistance to Firefighting Grant has included rescue boat funding in the 2011 round of grant applications which closed in September. The Department estimates it will cost just under \$80,000 to purchase and equip a 19.5 foot boat and much larger motors. If approved, the town and fire department would have to come up with 5% of the purchase price, or roughly \$4,000.

The grant application stresses the proximity of Frenchman Bay, the large amount of cruise ship traffic in Bar Harbor, and the glide path of the Hancock County Regional Airport which puts planes over the Jordan River as they land and take off. The LVFD has been called upon numerous time in recent years to assist the United States Coast Guard with search and rescue operations.

The AFG program funded purchase of new cutting tools and lift bags for the fire department in 2009. It's not known if the 2011 application will succeed.

Hydrant Installed, Radios to Convert

(Lamoine) - The newest available fire hydrant has been installed at the new subdivision off Partridge Cove Road on Kennel Brook Drive. The 10,000 gallon tank will supply water in the event of a fire in the neighborhood around the Partridge Cove Estates subdivision which was purchased by Anthony and Melany Hessert. The fire department plans to fill the tank sometime this fall in a water shuttle training exercise. Subdivisions are now required to install tanks and hydrants, and building permits were not issued for this subdivision until the installation was complete.

Meanwhile, all the two-way radios the fire department uses, both in the trucks and on the fire ground will be converted to be compliant with the Federal Communications Commissions order for narrow band broadcasting sometime in October. That shouldn't mean too much for folks following the action on police scanners—the frequencies remain the same, but it might be a little harder to hear as the transmission quality changes.

Local School Forum Planned

Vacancy on School Advisory Committee

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Local School Advisory Committee will ask for input and attempt to provide some meaningful information at a forum planned for Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gym. The forum will begin at 6:30 PM

Advisory Committee Chair Brett Jones and member Dr. Gordon Donaldson are gathering information about the cost of being a member of Regional School Unit 24, and whether the town would be better off financially in another arrangement. At the same time, the advisory committee members are looking at the educational advantages and disadvantages of belonging

to the 13-town RSU which formed about 3 years ago. Mr. Jones, the RSU 24 representative for Lamoine, reported to Selectmen that a petition may be presented to go to vote in November 2012 to withdraw from the RSU.

Meanwhile, the Local School Advisory Committee needs at least one new member to be appointed. Member Fredi Cahn has submitted his resignation effective in late September and the Selectmen are expected to accept it in October. Mr. Cahn's term expires in June of 2013. Anyone interested in serving out the term should contact either Brett Jones (667-0022) or the Lamoine Town Office.

Budget Committee Chair Retires

Schedule for 2012/13 Budget Set

(Lamoine) - For the first time since Lamoine's Budget Committee was formed in 1991, Henry Ashmore will not chair its meetings. Dr. Ashmore has retired after selling his home and relocating to Southern Maine. The Board of Selectmen honored him for his more than 20-years of service.

The Budget Committee chose Hubene Brodie as its new chair for the season which will begin on October 17th. Merle Bragdon will serve as vice chair.

There are two alternate members of the committee appointed earlier this year. Selectmen will choose either Cece Ohmart or Deborah Verrill-McFarland to replace Ashmore as the full voting member.

The committee will review various town budgets on October 17th, November 7th and 21st, and December 5th, with a possible meeting on December 12th. Meetings will be held at the town office beginning at 6:30 PM.

Property Tax Rate Falls (slightly)

(Lamoine) - Property tax payers got a pleasant surprise when they opened their 2011/12 tax bills. Most found the bill was a bit less than the previous year.

Nearly \$4-million worth of new development and valuation found by the Board of Assessors combined with a slightly lower RSU 24 assessment and stable County Taxes to lead to the property tax rate falling from 9.6 mills to 9.5 mills. Additional good news for home owners was that the homestead exemption increased from \$9,000 to \$10,000. The effects of the economy brought home prices closer in line with valuations so that 100% of the allowable homestead exemption could be taken this year. Tax bills were mailed in July with the first payment due August 31st. The 2nd payment is due on February 28, 2012.

New Computer Works Lots Better

(Lamoine) - When the town office first started using computers in the early 1990's, technology was a lot different. The first computers purchased cost many thousands of dollars and had a whopping 20-megabytes of storage. By comparison, this newsletter would take up about 25% of the hard drive!

The newest computer in the town office was purchased shortly after the fiscal year began July 1st, replacing a bottom of the line consumer unit purchased 6-years ago.

The new computer was purchased locally and has been working beautifully. It runs on Windows 8 (the first computers used MS-DOS!), and is hooked into the town's internal network and can pretty much instantly call up any database record. The cost: Just about \$700.

Clam Ordinances Updated

(Lamoine) - Voters at the special town meeting on September 15, 2011 swiftly approved a series of changes to the Regional Shellfishing Ordinance and Interlocal Agreement. Lamoine is the first of the seven communities that make up the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfishing consortium to tackle the changes. Those changes will not take effect until a majority of the municipalities approved them, either at the town meeting level, or, in Ellsworth's case, the city council level.

Lamoine Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. authored the changes for the

joint municipal board that is charged with overseeing the ordinance. Fennelly said there are no earthshaking issues—mostly just housekeeping matters, and removal of language having to do with littering and trespassing which are already addressed in state law and must be enforced by qualified law enforcement officials as opposed to the Shellfish Warden.

Speaking of enforcement, the town has received two checks for fines for violating the Shellfishing ordinance. Those funds are forwarded to Ellsworth to help fund the program.

Tree Growth Matters Appealed

(Lamoine) - The State Property Tax Review Board has given the town notice that it has received appeals from three landowners in regard to the valuation of property that is or once was enrolled in the Tree Growth Taxation program. That program provides for significantly reduced valuation for properly enrolled land.

Barbara Davis and the Maine Coast Baptist Church have appealed penalties involved in the withdrawal by the Board of Assessors. Those penalties, which were paid, totaled more than \$70,000.

Old Point Inc. which has enrolled several dozen acres in the program has challenged the valuation of its remaining land off Shore Road. The Board of Assessors valued the 93-acre parcel with a half mile of shore front at according to set schedules. Old Point claims the value should be significantly less.

The town has hired an attorney to represent the assessors before the Property Tax Review Board. There is no word yet on a hearing date.

Old Tax Bill Paid

(Lamoine) - A personal property tax bill from 2003/04 has finally been paid, allowing the tax collector from that time period to complete settlement with the Board of Selectmen. The property owner had filed for bankruptcy and there was a great deal of confusion whether that outstanding bill was supposed to be paid by the bankruptcy trustee. After consulting an attorney, it turned out that bill was not affected by the bankruptcy. Selectmen offered to accept payment interest free due to the confusion and the property owner agreed.

Search On for Flats Closure Source

(Lamoine) - Maine's Department of Marine Resources has closed much of the northern end of the Skillings River to Shellfishing due to pollution showing up in the Martin's Cove area. Scientists report a high level of fecal coliform showing up in water samples.

During a joint meeting with the Hancock Board of Selectmen, Lamoine's board approached the possibility that there might be a failing septic system on the Hancock side of the town line that could cause leakage into a stream feeding the cove. The Selectmen in Hancock indicated a willingness to deal with the issue.

The Regional Shellfishing Joint Municipal Board may also explore a community development block grant that is available to repair malfunctioning septic systems. Scientists have identified several such systems in neighboring towns affecting the clam flats.

Bloomfield Park Improvement Rankles Boater

(Lamoine) - In the words of Parks Commissioners, launching a motorboat from a trailer in the small beach area where swimmers are using the water is poor policy. A couple of moved rocks later and the problem ended—vehicles and trailers cannot access the swimming area at Blunt’s Pond. The beach area was also filled in where the existing rocks sat to eliminate some ruts and erosion problems. And a large bolt appeared mysteriously in the middle of the beach this summer, probably a remnant from the old water company. No amount of tugging would pull it out, so cutting torches were used to break it off well below the beach surface.

The change didn’t sit well with one boat owner who said he’d been using the beach at Bloomfield Park to launch his boats. The Parks Commission met with the Selectmen to explain the move and little has been said about the situation since.

The Commissioners did ask about how another situation should be handled. Both at Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach, boat owners have left their craft temporarily stored for long periods of time. The town’s Parks Ordinance prohibits boat storage at both parks. The boat owners have been contacted to remove their watercraft.



Bloomfield Park—After
The beach area at Bloomfield Park now has large boulders separating the beach from motorized traffic as a safety measure

Road Projects Complete, Planned

(Lamoine) - The biggest project on Lamoine’s roads complete during the summer was the paving job on Asa’s Lane. Originally budgeted to be completed before July 1st, Selectmen encumbered the funding for the project and Lane Construction won the bid. Enough money was left in the paving budget for the year ending in June 2011 to repair the parking lot at the town hall.

A number of projects are on tap to be completed during the fall. A culvert will be replaced on Mill Road, eliminating a big dip. Several culverts will be either reset or replaced on Seal Point Road, and the shoulders of Asa’s Lane will be filled in so that the drop is not as steep following the paving. Shore Road will see a couple of culverts replaced or reset. Some ditches and culverts will be cleaned on Buttermilk Road, some tree trimming on Clamshell and Cos Cob will be completed, and the area of Berry’s Cove Road near Gully Brook will be re-raveled as it is rutted fairly badly and gets very muddy in the rain.

Tidal Erosion Damages Marlboro Beach

(Lamoine) - The gravel portion of the road skirting Marlboro Beach is being threatened by erosion that has started to remove large chunks of turf. It’s believed astronomically high tides may be partially to blame. At least three large inlet type depressions have been formed very close to the edge of the road, and the Parks Commission fears that if it is left unchecked, the road could wash out in that area.

To repair the shoulder between the road and the shore, the town has applied to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for a permit by rule. The plan is to fill the base of the washed out areas with larger rocks or “rip rap”, cover that with



gravel, then cover the gravel with top soil and plant grass and/or rose bushes to give the soil some stability against the rising tide. The damage occurred on the town owned section of the beach sometime in late spring or early summer.

Harbor Projects Endorsed, Placed On Hold

(Lamoine) - A request from Lamoine’s Harbor Master to add cement strips to the ramp at Lamoine State Park to assist with launching boats at lower tides received an endorsement from the Board of Selectmen. So did a guest mooring in the harbor field. The State Park, though, has placed the matter on hold for now. Manager Jay McIntosh said he was concerned that higher ups might call

for serious harbor restrictions following a fracas on Independence Day. The Hancock County Sheriff’s Department is investigating that matter. He also indicated that some improvements to the facility could be on the drawing board for the future.

Selectmen and Harbor Master David Herrick had hoped to utilize some of the funding in the Harbor account to improve the boat ramp.

New Street Names

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have approved a pair of road names for private roads that serve more than one home. **Kennel**

Brook Drive is the name for the road in the Partridge Cove Estates subdivision. **Celtic Drive** will serve an existing home and a new home being built by Tom and Molly Collins

Road Commissioner Resigns

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s Administrative Assistant is once again the Road Commissioner after former commissioner Michael Jordan requested that he not be reappointed to the job. The position is largely administrative in nature, inspecting the town roads for needed repairs, setting the annual budget, and occasionally pounding in a street sign.

Selectmen advertised for a new road commissioner and received only one application. That applicant withdrew after realizing that he would be better off having work assigned as a private contractor.



Crews from Lane Construction await the next load of asphalt in July as Asa’s Lane gets a paving job.



Emergency Sand Policy Approved

(Lamoine) - Folks needing some sand to get traction on their steps or dirt road will be able to utilize a small amount from a shelter that has been erected near the town's salt/sand shed. Contractor Richard McMullen asked the Selectmen about letting the general public use small amounts. A policy was developed and approved that will limit the amount to 5-gallons a week. The town will pay for a couple of yards of sand and 250-pounds of salt to be stored in a roofed over enclosure (above, left) McMullen has built. He will monitor the pile to make sure use is not abused. Folks will have to supply their own bucket and transportation.

Box Board Now in Recycling Mix

(Lamoine) - The transfer station recycling effort has changed a bit. The town is now receiving revenue for both mixed paper and cardboard. Included in the paper mix is box board (cereal boxes, etc). A new dumpster has replaced the old cardboard collection containers next to the privy. Transfer Station Manager Bill Fennelly has helped educate folks what goes where and a new flyer is being distributed explaining the changes. The move should increase recycling rates and save money.



Conservation Commission Cleans Up

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) - An evening of Star Gazing is becoming a summer tradition in Lamoine. On August 17th Linda Penkalski once again led a session at Marlboro Beach sharing her knowledge with those who gathered on that beautiful twilight evening. We watched the sky dim, stars appear, identified constellations, planets, satellites, airplanes, and finally enjoyed a stunning moonrise.

Another event, soon to become another tradition, is the Annual Shore Clean Up. This year it occurred on Saturday, September 17th. It is part of the National annual Shore Clean Up started 25 years ago by Ocean Conservancy. Jay McIntosh, director of Lamoine State Park, worked closely with LCC and prepared instruction and supplies for the volunteers

who showed up to gather trash from six sections of Lamoine shore. Great turn out – about 30 this year – with folks coming from Ellsworth, Blue Hill, Surry, and Franklin to join Lamoiners. Our efforts coincided this year with major clean up teams on MDI, organized by Ron Greenberg.

Who would have thought picking up trash could be so much fun? It was -- a perfect September morning, beautiful scenery, and great company. At noon, the teams returned to the State Park to weigh in their find. Jim Gallagher and Kathie Gaiaquest were awarded the prize for heaviest haul, which included car tires and a toilet! Lindsey Wilson, a Lamoine eighth grader, won the prize for the most unusual: her own shoe – one of the flip flops she'd loaned to her brother!

Hancock, Lamoine Work Together on Heating Oil

(Lamoine) - Selectmen from both Hancock and Lamoine agreed to pool their heating oil bids this year for town facilities in hopes of getting a better price. The Hancock Selectmen attended a Lamoine Selectmen's meeting in September when bids were opened. Both towns agreed to go with the low bidder, Acadia Fuel, and locked in the winter heating oil price at \$3.329/gallon. Last year Lamoine paid \$2.499/gallon, so the cost increase is about 33% for the current heating season. Ouch!



The ongoing litter patrol continues along Lamoine's roadsides, too. (Front) Gordon & Cynthia Donaldson and (Back) Diane and David Sanderson fill up bags of litter from the Mud Creek Road Area in the adopt a highway program. (Georgia Munsell photo)



Numerous folks, young and more experienced policed the shores near Lamoine State Park and Lamoine Beach on September 17th to participate in the Shoreline cleanup.

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Transfer Stn Smoother

(Lamoine) - The shoulders at the Lamoine Transfer Station are much smoother now. Lamoine resident George Crawford filled in the pot holes.

Film Screening Planned

(Ellsworth) - October 19th : another chance to see the film "Bag It", 7 PM at Ellsworth City Hall. LCC is co-sponsoring this repeat showing with Sustainable Ellsworth and Hancock County Towns in Transition. The 75 minute film is an entertaining look at a depressing subject: the scourge of plastic bags in our oceans, rivers, streams, fields, and trees. Discussion about how we can cut back follows.

Cable TV Operations Manager Hired

(Lamoine) - Selectmen hired Kimberly Grindle of Deer Isle as the operations manager for the town's cable television system. Grindle is a student at the New England School of Communications in Bangor. She resumed school in September with the aim of finishing up her degree and working part time to keep the CTV schedule up and running.



Kimberly Grindle is Lamoine's Cable TV manager

The Board agreed to create the staff position to take pressure off the current town staff which had been maintaining the CTV channel and arranging for recording and scheduling playbacks of shows. The original idea for the CTV position was to enhance programming by having someone to schedule the shows, keep the power point program up to date, and start to

produce more shows than just the static shots from the various meetings at the town hall. The Cable TV committee met in late September to come up with a game plan for programming improvements.

In addition to her studies, Grindle works at a golf course in Deer Isle and at WNSX radio in Ellsworth.

Vital Records

(Lamoine) - Only two babies were born to Lamoine residents during the summer months, both were girls.

We lost four folks during the 3rd quarter. **Barry Norris**, the owner of Pro-Auto in North Lamoine, died July 2, 2011. **Steven Brooks** of Stratham New Hampshire died in a kayaking incident on July 10, 2011.

Lifelong resident **Nancy Boynton Jordan** died on August 20, 2011. And **Joann Boardman** of Florida died in an accident at Lamoine Beach (see page 1) on September 4, 2011. Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs reports that the production of death records has become an extremely complex ordeal as the State of Maine has begun a conversion to electronic records. The town office would ask for patience when requesting those records.

Lots of marriages during the quarter. Congratulations to **Kyle Shriro and Kristen Parker** of Needles Eye Road who were married July 2nd in Ellsworth by Hancock's Town Administrator Stacy Clement. **Joseph Knight and Nicole Dammier** of Mud Creek Road were married July 9th. **Liam McSweeney and Sarah Staples** were married in Lamoine on July 10th. **Mathew Nichols and Jenny Parker** were officially married at their Cottontail Lane home on August 5th with a ceremony on September 3rd. **John Hodkiewicz and Kristina Smith** of Shore Road were married on August 6th. **Craig Smith and Emily Chapman** of Buttermilk Road were married in Caribou on September 3rd. And **Robert Alley and Heather Hatch** of Riverside Drive were married on September 10th in Northeast Harbor.



*We don't think he is the snuggly type.....
This huge bear was photographed near Jordan River Road
by a trail camera and sent to us by Donna Fennelly*

Returnable Requests Pick Up

(Lamoine) - More non-profit groups have taken advantage of proceeds from returnable containers left at Lamoine's Transfer Station. Benefitting in the coming months will be the Conservation Commission (October), Cub Scout Pack 88 (November), Lamoine School's music program (December) and the Lamoine 8th Grade Class (January 2012).

In the past 15-months, the following amounts have been received by the town and forwarded to non-profit groups:

♦ East Lamoine Cemetery	\$291.95
♦ Lamoine Cheerleaders	\$438.00
♦ Cub Scout Pack 88	\$256.45
♦ Historical Society	\$711.85
♦ Lamoine 8th Grade	\$452.45
♦ Community Arts	\$438.65
♦ Frenchman Bay Riders	\$928.70

Applications are available at the town's website (<http://www.lamoine-me.gov/Town%20Hall/policy/2009/Returnableindex.htm>). Selectmen determine if the organization qualifies and assign the proceeds to the organization

Lamoine Community Arts has Ambitious Lineup

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) - What happens when you bring together eight short plays, six directors, twenty actors, a supporting cast of ticket takers, program writers, seamstresses, set builders, sound technicians and other Lamoiners, and throw in a break for refreshments? You have Lamoine Community Arts' 2011 fall production! Titled "8 Short Plays, Some Glad ~ Some Sad," it will be offered Friday and Saturday October 28 & 29 and Saturday November 5 at 7:00 with a 3:00 matinee performance on Sunday, November 6. Performances will be at the Lamoine Grange Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be reserved by calling 667-6564.

The evening will begin with Susan Glaspell's 1916 classic drama *Trifles*, directed by Carol Korty. Glaspell turns an acute eye on how men and women bring their different life experiences to the same event and come to different conclusions about it.

LCA is especially pleased to present Lamoine playwright Amy Morley's *Annabel Eden*, directed by David Sanderson. The play deals with an outspoken bride with wedding-day jitters and her bewildered spiritual advisor's attempt to respond to them.

The evening also includes two short plays by British playwright Harold Pinter, directed by Fred Stocking; *A Ringing of Doorbells* by Thornton Wilder, directed by Rae Dumont; *On the Evils of Tobacco* by Anton Chekhov and *Dead Right*, by Elaine Jarvik, directed by Dale Macurdy; and *A Blooming of Ivy*, directed by Kathy McGlinchey.

Lamoine Community Arts invites you to come and see your friends and neighbors for an evening that offers both drama and comedy!



*Acting like they're married....
Tom and Sharon St. Clair, just two of
the actors in this fall's productions by
Lamoine Community Arts*

based on when the application was received at the town office and the next available month. Lamoine Redemption collects the returnables each month and forwards a check to the town office. Groups are encouraged to promote their month for collections.

October 2011– Lamoine Town Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Closed during lunch hour due to meetings/training						1-Office open 8-12
2	3	4-7PM Planning Board	5-7PM Assessors 6:30 PM Local School Adv Cmte	6-7PM Selectmen	7	8
9	10-Office closed, Columbus Day	11	12-7PM Conservation Cmsn	13	14	15
16	17-6:30 PM Budget Cmte	18-7PM Parks Commission	19-7PM Regional Shellfishing	20-7PM Selectmen 6:30 School Forum	21-Office closing @ 12:30 PM for training	22-5PM LVFD Dinner
23	24	25-(Lunch Closure*)	26	27	28-7PM LCA Plays	29-Office open 8-12 7PM LCA Plays
30	31	The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department meets on Wednesday evenings weekly at 7PM.				

November 2011—Lamoine Town Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-7PM Planning Board	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Selectmen	4	5-Office Open 8-12 7PM LCA Plays
6-2PM LCA Plays	7-6:30 PM Budget Cmte	8-Voting 8am-8pm	9-6 PM CTV Cmte 7PM Conservation Cmsn (Lunch closure*)	10	11-Office Closed (Veterans' Day)	12
13	14	15	16-7PM Regional Shellfishing	17	18	19
20	21-6:30 PM Budget Committee	22	23	24-Office Closed (Thanksgiving)	25-(Lunch closure*)	26-Office Open 8-12
27	28	29	30	*The town office will close at lunch for training purposes and/or vacation day.		

December 2011-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Closed at lunch hour due to meetings/training				1-7PM Selectmen	2	3-Office open 8-12
4	5-6:30 PM Budget Committee	6-7PM Planning Board	7-7PM Assessors	8	9	10
11	12-6:30 PM Budget Committee	13-(Lunch Closure*)	14-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	15-7PM Selectmen	16	17
18	19	20	21-7PM Regional Shellfishing	22	23	24
25	26-Office Closed (Christmas Observed)	27	28	29-7PM Selectmen (If needed)	30	31-Office open 8-12

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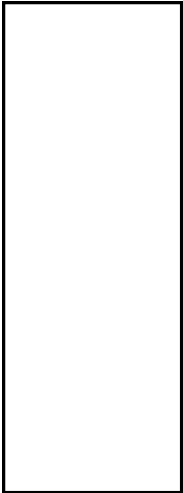
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And Much, Much More!



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